

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Reference is made to commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Numbers:

U.S. Patent No. 6,457,822 _____ by Chen et al., filed of even date herewith (Docket 82818), entitled "~~Ink Jet Printing Method~~";

U.S. Patent No. 6,541,599 _____ by Wang, filed of even date herewith (Docket 83086), entitled "~~Process for Manufacture of Soluble, Highly Branched Polyamides, And At Least Partially Aliphatic Highly Branched Polyamides Obtained Therefrom~~";

U.S. Patent No. 6,541,600 _____ by Wang et al., filed of even date herewith (Docket 82298), entitled "~~Water Soluble and Dispersible Highly Branched Polyamides~~";

U.S. Patent No. 6,525,170 _____ by Wang, filed of even date herewith (Docket 82401), entitled "~~Highly Branched Polyesters Through One-Step Polymerization Process~~"; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,353,082 09/697,205 by Wang, filed October 26, 2000, entitled "~~Highly Branched Polyesters Through One-Step Polymerization Process~~".--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Hyperbranched polymers which may be used in this invention containing a dye either as a pendant group or in the backbone are described in copending Application Serial No. _____ U.S. Patent No. 6,541,600 by Wang et al., filed of even date herewith (Docket 82298), entitled "~~Water Soluble and Dispersible Highly Branched Polyamides~~" referred to above, and U.S. Patent 6,252,025, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--